

STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LANSING



March 6, 2012

The Honorable Tom Casperson, Chair Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes 705 Farnum Building P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

The Honorable Goeff Hansen, Chair Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism 420 Farnum Building P.O Box 30036 Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

The Honorable Michael Green, Chair Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources 805 Farnum Building P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536 The Honorable Frank Foster, Chair House Committee on Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation S-1486 House Office Building P.O. Box 30014 Lansing, Michigan 48909-7514

The Honorable Jon Bumstead, Chair House Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources S-1289 House Office Building P.O Box 30014 Lansing, Michigan 48909-7514

Dear Senators Casperson, Hansen, and Green and Representatives Foster and Bumstead:

Pursuant to Section 2045(4) of PA 451 of 1994, as amended, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required to submit a biennial report identifying the frequency with which motor vehicles without a recreation passport enter state parks and state designated boating access sites. For Fiscal Year 2010-2011, the overall noncompliance rate was approximately 15 percent for state parks and recreation areas based on random audits conducted by the department. The noncompliance rate for state designated boating access sites for the same period is currently unknown due to the lack of available data.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sharon M. Schafer, Chief

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